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Western Union Message
Los Angeles, California
May 9, 1960

The Honorable Clair Engle
Washington, D. C.

Under date of October 2, 1959, I sent you copies of correspondence I sent to Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Lyndon Johnson, Senate Majority Leader, regarding certain allegations which Soviet Premier Khrushchev made concerning the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States during his visit to Los Angeles. At that time I considered Mr. Khrushchev's remarks so serious in their implications that I urged that the proper committees of Congress investigate these statements to determine if they were true or false. During an automobile trip through the Los Angeles area, Mr. Khrushchev bragged to Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, the U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations, that the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency is a farce, that important diplomatic and military communications to and from the United States have been intercepted by Soviet agents, and that many of the U. S. intelligence agents are also working for the Soviets. Mr. Khrushchev offered to document his claims with copies of the secret messages.

These remarks were made in the presence of

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In view of

recent developments, including the shooting down of an American aircraft operating over Soviet territory, it is imperative that the American people have absolute confidence in the Central Intelligence Agency and know that vital military and diplomatic messages are not being intercepted and used against us. Therefore urge you to have

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Congress make a full Congressional investigation of our security to determine the truth or falsity of Mr. Khrushchev's remarks. If there is any factual foundation to his claims, it is absolutely essential that corrective steps be taken immediately. If his claims were false, the American people should be apprised of that fact. The safety and security of the people of America demand that we have the finest intelligence and security service. I am sure that you recall that the Japanese code was broken during World War II by the United States and made possible many important victories which proved to be decisive. We must be vigorous, strong and alert. Our national security demands that our Central Intelligence Agency be strong and secure, that its lines of communication are not being used by the Soviets against the American people. Therefore, I again urge you to take the necessary action to have the appropriate committees of Congress go into this problem and clear it up.

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Second District